

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2613**

PATENT

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U.S. National Phase Application )  
of International Application No. )  
PCT/EP2003/008748 )  
Inventors: Daniele ANDRONI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2613  
Application No. 10/567,374 ) Examiner: Dobson, Daniel G.  
Filed: February 7, 2006 ) Confirmation No. 1188  
For: A MODULAR, EASILY )  
CONFIGURABLE NODE )  
STRUCTURE FOR AN OPTICAL )  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK )

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 13, 2009, with a period for response  
extending through July 13, 2009, by petition and electronic fee payment filed concurrently  
herewith, Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow.

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**